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## Tradition Remains Top Barley Variety in North Dakota

Tradition is the top barley variety in North Dakota in 2010 for the fifth straight year. Tradition accounts for 41.4 percent of the 850,000 acres compared with 46.0 percent in 2009 and 37.7 percent in 2008. Lacey is the second most popular variety with 26.8 percent of the total acres planted. Conlon is the third most popular with 8.2 percent of the total acres planted. Haybet ranks fourth in 2010 with 4.5 percent of the total acres planted. Robust is the fifth in 2010 with 3.6 percent of the total acres planted. These five barley varieties account for 84.5 percent of this year's barley acres in North Dakota.

Haybet, representing 4.5 percent of the total acres planted, is the top feed barley for the eighth consecutive year and ranks fourth overall. Celebration and Pinnacle rank sixth and eighth, respectively with 3.0 and 1.8 percent of the total acres planted.

North Dakota continues to rank first in barley acreage planted in the United States, accounting for 29 percent of the nation's 2.97 million acres. Planted acreage in North Dakota is 850,000 in 2010, down 30 percent from last year.

The data in this report are based on a survey of barley producers conducted during June by the North Dakota Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. State averages are produced from 738 positive reports from 4,635 respondents. The American Malting Barley Association and the North Dakota Barley Council provided supporting funds for the survey.